

Jerusalem Post Reporter
AMBASSADOR WILLIAM Scranton's speech at the Security Council debate last week came in for unanimous criticism at yesterday's weekly Cabinet session. There was at the same time appreciation for the U.S. veto on the hostile resolution.

Premier Yitzhak Rabin said that Israel's best answer to the Scranton speech was to proceed with its "constructive projects in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, in line with Government decisions."

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon said Scranton made "a bad speech at an unfortunate time." He was sure the U.S. was now aware of Israel's strong reaction to it. The veto does not cancel out the fact that the Scranton speech is calculated to stiffen the Arabs' negotiating stance and foster Arab illusions about support against Israel.

Allon also blamed the stand taken by France, Italy, Britain, Japan, Panama and Sweden which, he thought, might encourage Arab extremists and add more pitfalls on the path to a political solution.

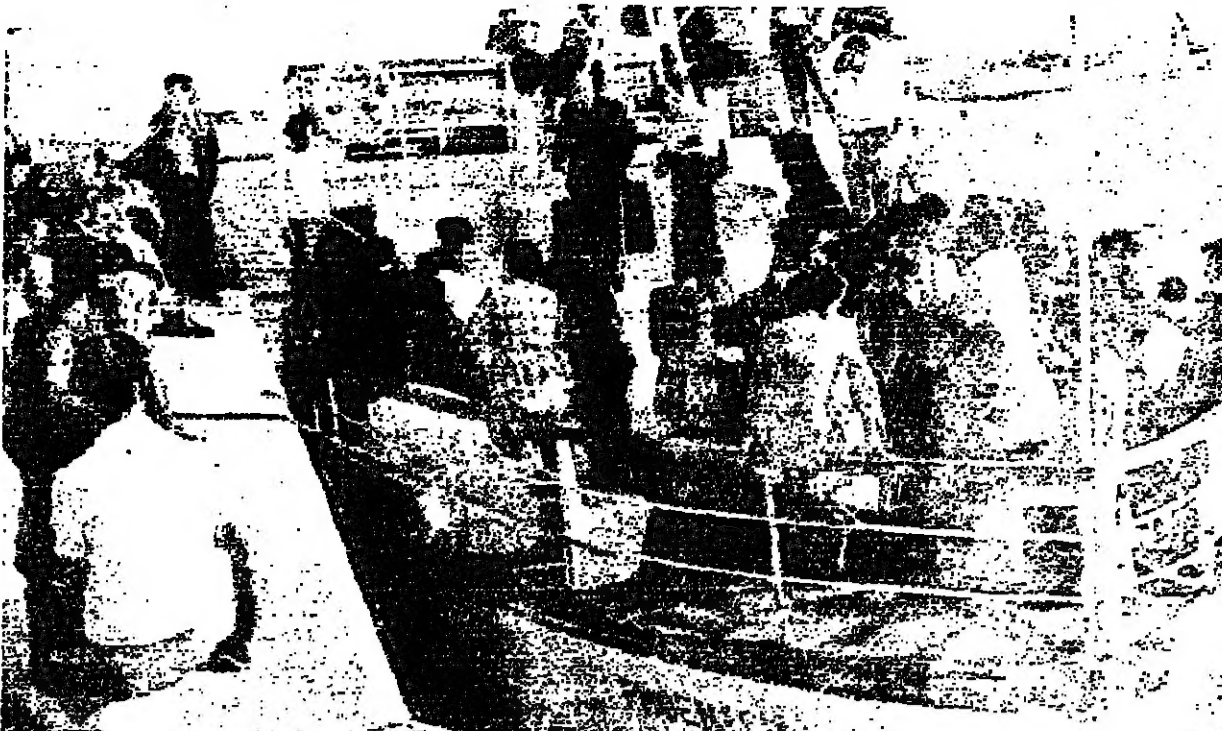
The Foreign Minister defended Israel's participation at the Council from the political and information aspects.

Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Rabin said he objected last week to the proposal for Israel participation and events bore him out, he believed. Had Israel stayed away, he said, Scranton's speech would probably have been more balanced and the U.S. delegate would probably have defended Israel against the charges of terrorism and the killing of civilians.

Rabin warned that Israel would now find it increasingly hard to protest against the presence of Yasser Arafat at the Geneva peace conference, once it agreed to sit in the Security Council chamber with the PLO.

Justice Minister Haim Zisoka took a particularly grave view of Scranton's remark that the new settlements were obstacles on the road to peace, calling it a "serious incitement."

Not a single Minister made light of the U.S. delegate's statements.



CHRISTIAN REFUGEES from the Lebanese town of Jounieh arriving at Larnaca yesterday to flee leftist Moslem forces. Nearly 1,500 Lebanese Christians have sought refuge here in the past two days. (UPI)

Moslems seize Beirut's hotel district, many Christians in flight

BEIRUT. — Moslem gunmen overran the unfinished Hilton Hotel and two neighbouring hotels in Beirut yesterday, leaving Moslem forces in control of the entire downtown hotel area, the official television network reported.

The Moslem assault pushed Christians and Muslims toward Beirut's port, and about 100,000 people fled the city's central districts, exposing the Christians' central headquarters on the edge of Ashrafia to leftist attack.

Moslem Gunmen also shelled Christian President Suleiman Franjeh's hometown of Zagharta, about 100 kilometres north of Beirut, from all directions, isolating it for the first time in the war.

Christian gunmen also traded fire among themselves over goods in a Persian carpet warehouse in the Beirut port district. It was the first open Christian looting in the port area, and was seen as a sign of rapidly crumbling discipline.

In other developments, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in Cairo suggested that Arab countries send troops to Lebanon to maintain peace and order, and hundreds more

Lebanese Christian refugees arrived by boat in Cyprus.

As the Moslem onslaught rolled on across Lebanon, Pierre Gemayel, the main Christian militia leader, issued a conciliatory appeal to his Moslem foes.

Prospects for peace remained uncertain following Syria's failure to convince leftist leaders to accept a cease-fire.

At least 75 persons were killed and 113 wounded in 24 hours of fierce fighting in Beirut and the countryside, raising the toll for Lebanon's 11-month-long civil war to about 15,000 dead and 32,200 injured.

Newspapers estimated that at least 200 corpses, some of them days old, littered the streets of downtown Beirut with no one able to collect them.

Heavy fighting with tanks, artillery and troops continued in the Metan region of Mt. Lebanon, east of the capital.

Leftist militiamen and rebel army troops captured two key towns, al-Mtein and Antoura, but Christian Phalangist militiamen said they recaptured Antoura at day-break.

Control of the two towns would allow the leftist force of Socialist Party militiamen and rebel army troops in the Southern Metan to link up with their Communist allies further north, and form an arc-shaped front from which they could push north and southeast on the major Beirut-Batroun road.

Leftist leader Kamal Junblatt returned from inconclusive talks in Damascus to his hometown of Alep where he met with PLO terrorist leader Yasser Arafat in the morning. While they met, a fierce offensive was being launched by Junblatt's troops from Alep against neighbouring Christian Kahale, witnesses reported.

Most newspapers reported that Junblatt and Syrian President Hafez Assad agreed in principle to the need for a speedy settlement but that differences over key political issues blocking the declaration of a cease-fire remained.

Foremost among them was the question of when and how Christian President Suleiman Franjeh would resign. Junblatt is still insisting that Franjeh resign immediately while the Syrians are backing the Christian community's insistence that parliament first meet to elect his successor.

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Jail-breakers caught in bed in pre-dawn raid

Two soldiers who were taken this month from military lock-up were in their beds before yesterday after a pre-dawn raid by police broke through the door of their hideout.

Meir Ziv and Daniel Dahan, were seized as they slept, after eight teams comprising about 20 police had converged on their house near Moshav Rishpon on the Tel Aviv — Haifa highway.

Police had sealed off the house in anticipation that the two might be armed with some of the 94 Uzi submachine guns they had allegedly stolen for sale to Arabs. But the fugitives were apprehended before they could rub the sand from their eyes.

Ziv and Dahan had escaped the Athlit jail by sawing through bars with hacksaw blades smuggled to them inside toothpaste tubes. Suspicion arose that they had fled abroad, but later information led the police to their hideout.

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A-G under fire for 'hasty' deportations

By DAVID LANDAU
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ATTORNEY-GENERAL Aharon Barak was criticised yesterday in parliament, judicial and parliamentary circles for his role in the deportation of two West Bank leaders on Saturday, minutes before their case was to be heard by a High Court judge.

Barak's decision — to permit the deportation at 3.45 even though the court hearing was for 4.00 — was widely seen as hasty and ill-considered.

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East Jerusalem schoolgirls riot

Middle East Affairs Correspondent

RIOTS and school disorders broke out yesterday in the West Bank areas as well as in Jerusalem. There were reports of two prominent leftists who had put themselves up as mayoral candidates in Hebron and El-Bireh. The deportation yesterday denounced by several, including Hebron's Sheikh Ahmed Al Ja'abari, who had last week that he would run for the West Bank municipal elections, scheduled to be held on April 12.

Nominations were due to be filed formally today. The deadline is Wednesday 8 p.m. Several prominent contenders yesterday told The Jerusalem Post that they would adopt a "wait and see" attitude and would decide "in the light of public reaction."

The relative quiet which had prevailed throughout Judea and Samaria after about two months of unrest, was broken yesterday by disorderly protests by schoolchildren.

The disturbances chiefly involved pupils setting bonfires and putting up roadblocks in Hebron and the two nearby townships of Halhoul and Dabryia. In Hebron, the Military Governor closed two schools. In Ramallah, el-Bireh and El Zeit most schools were reported deserted.

Yesterday's most serious children's riot took place in the East Jerusalem girls' high school of Ma'mouniya. Police followed stone-throwing demonstrators into the school, located just behind the District Court in Saladin Street. Fifty girls and three teachers were arrested, but most were released later in the evening.

Mayor Teddy Kollek interrupted a municipal council meeting yesterday. When informed of the incident, he left the council chamber for the scene. On his return, he voiced his vigorous objection to security forces entering a municipal school.

A Jerusalem police spokesman pointed out last night that the law permitted the pursuit of law-breakers "in the act" into any premises.

In an isolated incident, three bullets were fired at a Dan bus near Turikarm. One bullet hit the side of the vehicle which was empty of passengers.

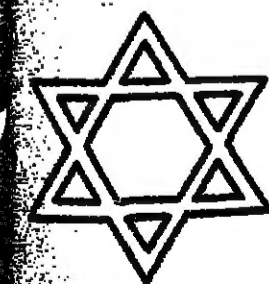
Flats collapse in block under construction

HAIFA. — A terraced apartment house under construction at 46 Rehov Harofeh in the Ahuzas quarter here, partially collapsed early yesterday morning, depositing huge amounts of debris into the street.

There were no injuries, as the building gave way before workmen had arrived at the building site.

Neither of the contractors, Ze'ev Smolensky and Y. Doppel, could be reached for an explanation of why the front apartments overhanging the street had suddenly fallen.

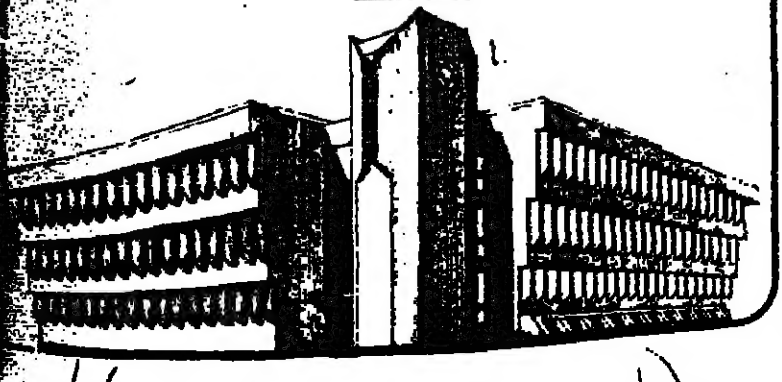
The Labour Ministry inspectors, which investigates all construction accidents, will look into the matter.



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Salutes the Friends of Magen David Adom in Great Britain on the Dedication of the Michael Sobell First Aid Station and congratulates Magen David Adom in Tel Aviv on their new home

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Leftist intimidation for tomorrow's Galilee strike

Jerusalem Post Staff
NAZARETH. — Threats and intimidation by leftwing activists against potential breakers of tomorrow's Arab "land strike" were reported yesterday by Arab moderates here and other Galilee towns.

Moderate Arab leaders, including many of the local council heads who voted against the strike at last Thursday's meeting in Sfarim, have received threatening phone calls warning them "not to betray the Arab cause."

The strike has been called to protest against the government's expropriation of Arab lands for development purposes.

In Nazareth, Rakah activists launched a "knock on every door" campaign to persuade residents not to send their children to school tomorrow.



THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy.
Weather synopsis: High over Central Europe, weak ridge to East Mediterranean. Warm low over Libya moving eastward.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Min-Max
Jerusalem	46	11-18	12-20
Golan	48	5-19	10-20
Nahariya	73	12-20	14-21
Safed	45	12-16	14-18
Haifa	64	14-21	16-22
Tiberias	59	12-22	15-23
Naqurah	39	11-20	12-20
Afula	41	11-23	12-25
Shomron	56	8-15	9-20
Tel Aviv	85	12-20	14-22
B-Q Airport	27	12-22	13-25
Jericho	43	14-28	15-30
Qana	71	12-20	13-23
Beer Sheva	56	12-22	13-25
Eilat	16	17-22	19-33
Tiran	17	16-29	22-30

Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received Mordechai Gazit, Israel's Ambassador to France.

The Finnish Minister of Defence, Ingvar Melin, yesterday called on Defence Minister Shimon Peres before winding up his two-day visit to Israel.

The Canadian Ambassador and Mrs. Edward Lee visited the Technion yesterday and met president Amos Horev and senior faculty members.

Dr. Gedalia Givertzman, director of the oil division of the geological survey of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, will address the monthly meeting of the Bar-Ilan University Dinner Club on April 4 at 7:30 p.m., on "Exploring for Oil in Israel - what are the Prospects?"

The Israel, British and Commonwealth Association, Haifa, regrets to announce that the reception for the British Ambassador to be held Tuesday, March 30, has been postponed. A new date will be announced later.

The National Religious Women's Organization, Jerusalem Council, has established two new English-speaking chapters, in Givat Mordechai and in Talbiya.

ARRIVALS

A delegation of university rectors from six Latin American countries - Dr. Fernando Z'nestroza, Dr. Lucio Pabon Nunes, Prof. Alfonso Bonilla Naar, Padre Benjamin Nunez, Prof. Manuel Gollas-Quintero, Prof. Carlos Pereyra Bordini, Dr. Alberto Escobar, Prof. Rafael Jose Neri and Dr. Jorge Arturo Reyna - at the invitation of the Foreign Ministry.

Dr. George Wlae, past president of Tel Aviv University, for a meeting of the university's Board of Trustees.

Irving Bernstein, executive vice-chairman of the UJA, and Robert Russell, UJA national chairman, for the Jewish Agency Board of Governors meeting.

Joseph Siny, at the head of the UJA Los Angeles Mission.

Mexican trade mission arrives

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. - An economic delegation from Mexico arrived here last night for talks aimed at strengthening the commercial and technological ties between Israel and Mexico. The 40-man delegation is led by the deputy-director of the Mexican Foreign Trade Ministry, Rogelio Hernandez.

Projects under discussion between Mexico and Israel include the establishment of a plant to manufacture Arava airplanes in Mexico; the establishment of a joint chemical complex in Mexico by Mexican and Israeli companies; and an aviation agreement enabling El Al to fly to Mexico City and the Mexican national carrier to land in Israel.

German Finance Minister ends 10-day visit here

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. - West German Finance Minister Hans Apel left for home yesterday after a 10-day visit to Israel, declaring that he would study ways of helping to boost Israeli sales in his country. The trade gap between the two countries is heavily balanced in Germany's favour and Dr. Apel said much of the three days of official talks which he held with Finance Minister Choshua Rabinowitz and other officials was devoted to how to solve this question. Talks in this connection will continue between the two sides.

Dr. Apel, who toured the country for a week with his wife and daughter, was seen off by Minister Rabinowitz.

No crisis in U.S.-Israel relations - Schindler

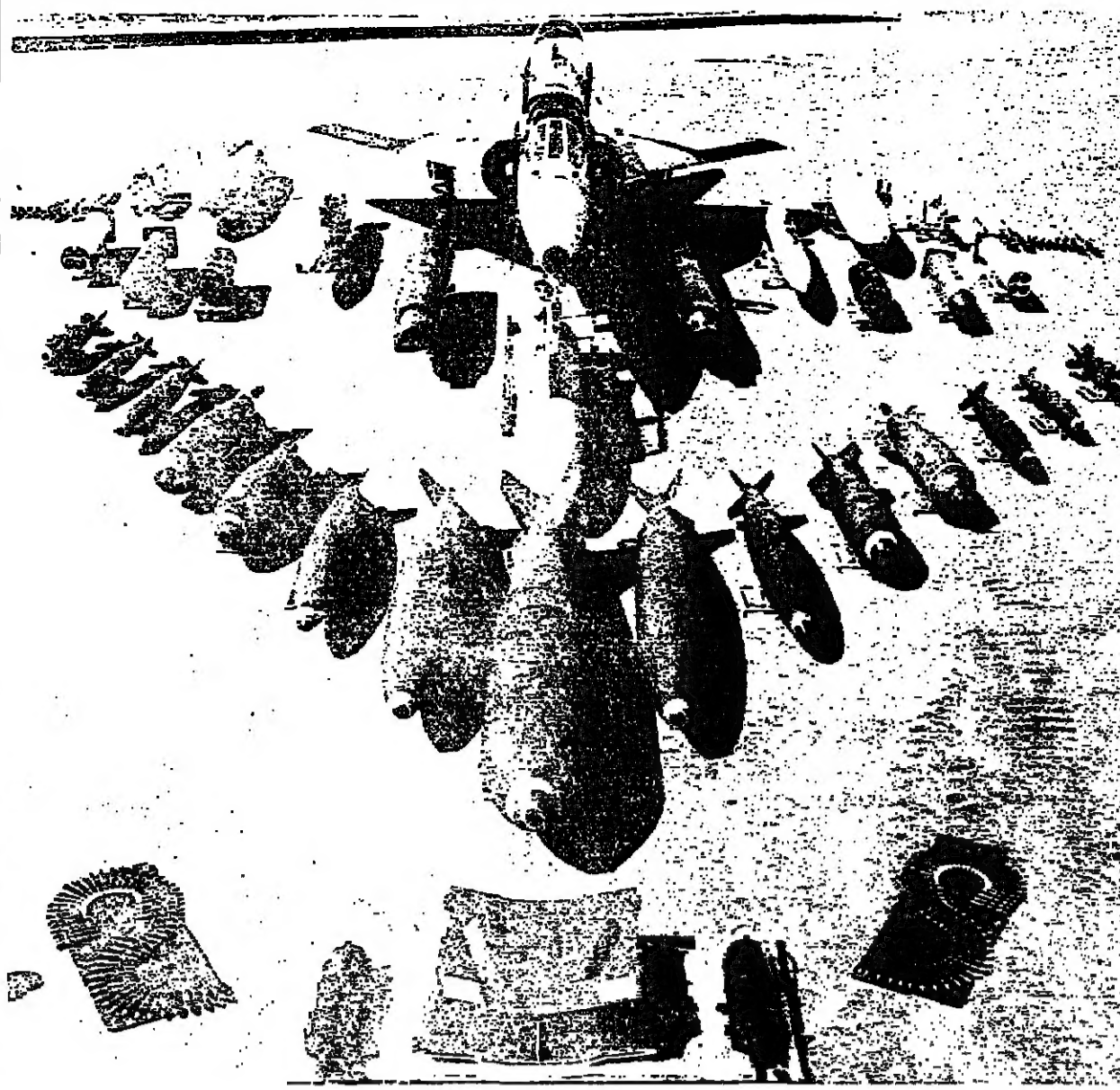
BEN-GURION AIRPORT. - The U.S. veto in the Security Council has restored a sense of perspective to U.S.-Israel relations. There are tough times ahead but there is no reason for panic. This was stated yesterday by Rabbi Alexander Schindler, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, on his arrival here at the invitation of the Prime Minister.

Schindler and Yehuda Helman, executive director of the Presidents Club, are to report to the Prime Minister on their meetings with the American leaders. During their stay they will also confer with Foreign Minister Yigal Alon, Defence Minister Shimon Peres and other officials.

T.A. Labour Council members to Germany

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - Members of the Histadrut Central Committee yesterday complained that the Tel Aviv Labour Council "is practically paralysed" because most of its senior officials flew off to Germany on a two-week visit.

They were invited by the trade unions in North Rhine-Westphalia. Central Committee members said the group left at a time when wage agreements were being renewed.



Israel's home-made Kfir multi-mission air superiority warplane is shown here with the armament that it carries. The photo is among the first pictures and additional performance data released for publication yesterday. The Kfir is described as a mach 2.3 combat plane designed for a wide range of duties. Its armament includes rockets and heavy bombs. It has twin internally mounted 30mm. cannon and can be fitted with two additional 29mm. guns for ground strafing.

Kessar committee raps El Al, Histadrut for labour problems

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - A Histadrut-appointed committee yesterday recommended changes in foreign currency payments to El Al air crews and criticized management for faulty labour relations.

The recommendations, by a team of trade unionists and independent labour experts, will be examined by a second Histadrut committee before they are taken up by the labour federation's Central Committee.

The committee, headed by Histadrut treasurer Yisrael Kessar, said the aircrews' salaries are equivalent to those paid by European airlines. (The pilots claim they deserve payment in foreign currency because half their working time is spent abroad.) The committee said that ground crews agreed pilots deserved high salaries but claimed the gap, sometimes tenfold, was too big. With frequent devaluations, the gap is widening, the committee noted.

It recommended that the aircrews' salaries be fixed in Israeli pounds, but that the aircrews should be compensated for overseas expenses through payment for room and board "or another suitable manner considering prices there and practices in comparable foreign airlines." The country's economy situation should also be taken into account, the committee said.

It also recommended that regular pay replace fictitious increments, such as "entertainment allowances" to people whose job does not entail entertaining.

The report severely criticized labour relations in El Al. Because of mutual mistrust, every difference of opinion is inflated into a labour dispute, the report said. Even day to day verbal exchanges are conducted in a harsh and belittling manner. Last year the airline was plagued by 13 strikes, the longest lasting 18 days, it noted.

The committee indicated that the board of directors was not sufficiently familiar with the workers' problems and that executives responsible for manpower are unqualified for their tasks. It also said that because of excessive centralization, junior executives lack authority.

A main part of the committee's recommendations urged the establishment of an overall employees' council that would represent the company's 5,000 workers. On the lower level, it proposed the merger of the existing nine works committees into three bodies, representing the air crews, the ground crews and technicians, and the administrative and service staff.

According to the recommendations, representatives of the three committees would participate in the board of directors as observers. Other steps proposed are the setting up of joint management-workers

committees to deal with increasing work productivity and an employees' profit sharing scheme.

The Kessar committee also criticized the Histadrut's role in labour disputes at El Al, saying it acted as an arbitrator rather than a labour union.

Aviation Correspondent Ze'ev Schul

In an initial reaction to the report, the El Al management noted that there was nothing new to most of the committee's recommendations, particularly calling for an overall roof.

Yisrael Kessar, the committee's chairman, said this was a long time, and that the Histadrut had on two occasions, February 1973 and November, called for such a step. Both El Al and the Minister of Transport had urged the Histadrut to implement this but, he intimated, nothing had been done except to set up another committee.

As to the criticism of El Al's handling of labour relations, Mr. Lasser said the management had undertaken "far reaching" steps in revising manpower policies. He added that the company had achieved "major successes" in its operating procedures, development and commercial operations.

No reaction could be obtained yesterday from El Al workers' representatives, who refused to comment on the committee's report.

Proposal to convert Birim into 'Arab-Jewish centre'

By YORAM HAMIZRAHI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

GUSH HALAV. - A public committee of Jews and Arabs have come forward with a plan for the resettlement of the dispossessed Christian Arab villagers of Birim that would convert the village into a "model Christian-Jewish centre."

The plan entails the development of Birim along non-agricultural lines - "which means that the repatriation of the former villagers would not necessitate the return of all their former lands, now held by Jewish settlements in the area," said Rabel Rosenzweig, organizer of the committee.

(Birim was one of two Greek Catholic villages on the Lebanese border that were evacuated by the Israel Defence Forces in 1948. The Government has since then rejected repeated efforts to allow the villagers to return. Most of them now

live in nearby Gush Halav.)
Dr. Rosenzweig, who is a lecturer at a Tel Aviv teachers' seminary, told The Jerusalem Post here yesterday that the plan envisages the future Birim as a "Christian-Jewish" centre, with resort facilities aimed at serving Christian Arab families and Christian overseas volunteers. She said the committee is non-political and aims at presenting proposals that would not entail the total return of all of Birim's former agricultural lands.

Members of her group include Father Elias Chacour, Greek Catholic pastor of Ibbilin, a former Birim resident. He said the plan, if adopted, could "open a new chapter of Arab-Jewish relations."

Dr. Rosenzweig said her group have already contacted Government officials, Knesset Members and political figures from most parties.

Sacked Friedman workers: Histadrut not helping

By AARON SITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Histadrut was accused yesterday of abandoning the cause of scores of production workers laid off last month by the S. Friedman Company of Jerusalem, makers of refrigerators and washing machines.

The attack on the labour federation came at a press conference in Jerusalem called by spokesmen for the 80 (out of the 108) employees who have still not been hired by other plants since the mass dismissal by Friedman on February 5.

"We now face two adversaries," said Avraham Abrahamov, head of the workers committee. "On one side is the heartless Friedman management, which sees nothing wrong in putting more than 100 veteran workers out into the street after years of loyal service; and, on the other side, the so-called watchdog of workers' rights, the Histadrut, which has abandoned us."

Early yesterday morning police were called to the Friedman plant, in the Capital's Givat Shaul section, when a group of the dismissed workers refused entry to plant manager Ferri Friedman and his pro-

Hotel. Is that what you call helping the unemployed?"

Late yesterday afternoon the workers opened an account at the Kikar Zion branch of Bank Leumi in Jerusalem - number 91782/47 - and asked newsmen to report this so that persons interested in helping the unemployed workers and their families for Pessach could contribute towards their assistance.

Another confrontation could occur this morning as police, acting on a Friedman complaint against alleged trespass by the dismissed workers, seek to clear the way for the other workers to enter the plant.

Last night a spokesman for the Jerusalem Labour Council vehemently denied that the Histadrut has abandoned the fight. Haim Maman told The Jerusalem Post: "Our main effort now is aimed at winning larger severance pay for them."

Paper and tire plants to halt production

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while no specific regulation been infringed, the spirit of

ADL to sue U.S. Government in connection with Arab boycott

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - "The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith is now preparing a massive court action against the Government of the United States in connection with the Arab boycott," Arnold Forster, general counsel and associate national director of the ADL, said yesterday in an exclusive interview with The Jerusalem Post.

Forster is now in Israel, together with 15 other ADL leaders, to determine Israel's views concerning the organization's activities.

"A major problem that we encounter in connection with Israel is communications," stated Lawrence Peletz, national chairman of the ADL's civic rights committee and prominent lawyer. The leader of the current study mission together with Forster revealed publicly, for the first time, that there are plans to open an ADL office in Israel. The aim of the full-time staff will be to channel information back to the U.S.

"We were under the impression that the Government of Israel was not anxious for a confrontation between American Jews and the American Government concerning the sale of six C-130 transport planes to Egypt," Forster said. "In a recent meeting with Premier Rabin, to our great pleasure and surprise, we discovered an identity of

views." Both men expressed the opinion that the Israel point of view is not clearly understood in the U.S., with Peletz adding that "once we know our position, our information services can disseminate it to millions of readers."

While the ADL carries much weight with American congressmen, Peletz feels that there is now an erosion of congressional support for Israel. Nevertheless, the ADL is responsible for some 44 bills in the hand of Congress. ADL officials have recently met four times with the White House counsel about the Arab boycott.

The organization is actively concerned about the incursions the PLO has made in the U.S. The ADL's position is that the Government is adopting a new policy. Much publicity is being given to the anti-Israel position adopted by the UN and Unesco.

The ADL has 27 regional offices in the U.S. and representative offices in Europe, Latin America and Canada. The current budget is \$7m. Originally a service and philanthropic group, the ADL has assumed in recent years a more active role in Jewish affairs and has been responsible for doing away with discriminatory practices. The modus operandi consists of fact gathering. Then the party responsible is presented with the facts and given the opportunity of rebuttal

or rescinding the practice. If this does not succeed, the ADL wages a public information campaign.

Two examples of successful campaigns were those directed at the Coca Cola Company and the Gulf Oil Corporation. The local manufacturers of Tempo, a number of years ago, applied for a licence to produce Coca Cola in Israel. They were turned down as Coca Cola was being sold in Arab countries. A study disclosed that the potential for Coca Cola sales in Israel were greater than the potential for Coca Cola sales for all of the Arab countries together. The plant was eventually built and is being run on a very profitable basis.

The Gulf Oil Corporation's position concerning the boycott was also reversed by mass picketing of Gulf service stations and the return of credit cards.

In another case, the ADL took legal action against Roger Morton, former Secretary of Commerce, asking him to disclose the names of companies on the Arab boycott. The suit also demanded action against nations who disregarded the 1948 Export-Import Act, which called for governmental action against groups which carried on discriminatory economic practices against countries considered friendly to the U.S. The case ended in a partial victory - the Government was enjoined to determine the acceptance of discriminatory tenders but not to disclose the Arab boycott list.

Basketball results

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

Following are the results of last night's National League basketball games:

Tel Aviv Hapoel 89, Tel Aviv Elitzur 72; Haifa Hapoel 78, Ramat Gan Maccabi 97; Gan Shmuel Hapoel 95, Jerusalem Hapoel 78; Ramat Gan Hapoel 119, Haifa Maccabi 93; Jerusalem Bitar 94, Brenner-Na'an Hapoel 108; Petah Tikva Hapoel 85, Tel Aviv Maccabi 106.

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Settlers at Kaddum still 'temporary'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Premier Yitzhak Rabin confirmed yesterday that the temporary character of the settlement group Kaddum in Samaria had not changed in any way.

Rabin said this at the weekly Cabinet session after Housing Minister Avraham Ofri raised the question in questions about Kaddum. He asked Defence Minister Shimon Peres why the IDF permitted a tactical assembly within the perimeter of an army camp, and he asked Premier Rabin whether the local personalities making speeches last Tuesday at Kaddum meant the settlement was a permanent one. Ofri noted that some 600 people came to Kaddum for the inauguration of the caravans and other ceremonies, making the settlement into a full-scale political fest.

Peres said he would require of such questions since he is not answer on the spot. Rabin, the original Cabinet decision, the Kaddum group was there on a temporary basis still held.

Mapam's Victor Shentov, Health Minister, told The Jerusalem Post last night: "Kaddum is an army camp when it's a question of keeping journalists out of dancing and tree-planting ceremonies. When it comes to letting in, there are different rules."

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unlabeled by reports in the afternoon press that Arik Sharon, who shortly terminates his appointment as Premier Rabin's adviser, would return to the Likud only if its member-parties merged into one. Sharon was elected to the Knesset on the Liberal ticket, but left when his prompting of immediate "coal-

ition for the gradual abolition of subsidies without asking the advice of the Liberal Workers' Union, which in the Histadrut opposes the cuts. Erlich said he acted in accordance with the party electoral plank, citing the Histadrut members for "paying lip service to Moshel" on the issue.

Happy immigrants star in radio shows for U.S.

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

American immigrants who have found their place here are the stars of a new radio series sent to U.S. broadcasting stations to plant the idea of aliyah in Jewish heads.

"We're not making an overt pitch for immigration to Israel or coming on strong," says Sol Herman of the Immigration and Absorption Department of the Jewish Agency, which produces the series. "Having immigrants tell the truth - not sugary success stories about their life here is the best way to arouse interest."

"I don't expect people to take the next plane after hearing the show, but at least it may suggest that aliyah is possible and encourage them to seek more information."

The programmes, which began last month, are made up of three segments of three minutes each, plus introductions read by a professional new-immigrant broadcaster. A script is sent along (distribution is done by the Agency's New York office), so that stations can easily divide each broadcast into separate interviews or read the introductions themselves.

Since the radio shows are not considered advertising, the sole cost is that of production - IL1,300 per show.

The radio shows grew out of the series of articles about contented immigrants that the department has been sending for publication to newspapers around the world.

Also on the department's drawing board is a magazine for new immigrants distributed in English, Russian, Spanish and French at all absorption centres and hostels. The first issue, to come out in a month, has stories on how to get in on all possible sports played here, including squash, yachting, cricket and parachuting; crossword puzzles in Hebrew; recipes designed for hot-plate cooking; information on loans and school registration; and arts and crafts projects for the holidays. Over 10,000 will go out bi-monthly to new settlers and volunteers. Called "So You Wanted to Know About...", the 20-page magazine is being printed cheaply by multith.

THE MARRIAGE GRANT given to persons whose fathers fell during military service has been increased from IL15,000 to IL25,000. The increase was ratified Friday by the Knesset Labour Committee.

portedly said the government departs in principle - a stand shared by his colleagues. Most ministers accepted the security authorities' contention that the portation device was a vital instrument in keeping order in territories.

Another minister, a man with tenuous legal experience, noted while, formally Barak had within his rights, the overall pressure left by the episode unfortunate. In appearance seemed this minister said, authorities had had ulterior motives in expelling the two leftist - and had skirted due legal

cess to achieve the expulsion. The issue is likely to come to the Knesset this week, with Y. Sarid of Labour and Meir Palti. Moked among those who have ready submitted urgent motions the agenda.

Likud MK, Amnon Linn, an astute, sharply attacked the depiction yesterday on political grounds. "I just cannot understand why advising the ministers," he said. Very possibly the two men were to be deported, but the timing soon before the municipal election - was bound to be interpreted as Hebron and el-Bireh conflict "favourable" by Israel would now be able to stand.

Labour MK Mordechai Ben-David defended the deportation grounds that security considerations must prevail over political.

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Truckers' strike only partially effective

Jerusalem Post Staff
A 10-hour trucking strike at Ashdod and Ashdod Ports yesterday was without any serious incidents and had an only negligible effect, according to port officials.

The strike, called by the Truckers' Board to protest the alleged curbs of the Government to help industry out of its financial difficulties, affected mainly the loading of imported goods, which were stored in warehouses instead of being hauled straight out in trucks.

In Haifa, port officials said that a general cargo than usual was moved to the port. Some exporters beat the strike by delivering their cargo to the port before the work stoppage of fully started.

The three trucking companies siding with the citrus exporters and a Tel Aviv District Court injunction issued on Friday and delivered their fruit to the ports later in the day. But this did not delay loading because there was plenty of citrus in the port warehouses.

At Ashdod, several truckers tried to block the port entrance with their vehicles in the morning but later removed them peacefully under police orders.

The spokesman of the Trucking Board, Haim Shushan, told The Jerusalem Post that yesterday's was only a warning strike and that the management of the board would meet later this week to decide on future action.

The truckers' specific demands include low-interest loans for working capital and an end to the "unfair" competition from the railways and trucks from the administered areas (see below).

Railroad denies taking away truckers' business

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel Railways' general manager Zvi Tzafirli yesterday denied allegations by the Trucking Board that the drop in the truckers' mass and income was due to competition from the railways.

"Freight trains carry a mere 4 per cent of the total national cargo, a share which has hardly changed since 1967," he said. "The truckers have taken over goods which used to be transported by the railways, such as citrus fruit for ports and cement."

According to Tzafirli, the railways are also affected by the recession, like all enterprises involved in some stage of imports. He said the drop of imports that has hit among the causes of the drop.

Tzafirli also rejected the argument of the Trucking Board secretary that a rail link to Eilat would further reduce the truckers' share. He said that the line, when completed, would make it worthwhile to export phosphates, potash and natural salt from Eilat, which are unprofitable if carried by road.

Tzafirli contended that the railways' share of transporting goods could not grow because there have been no recent investments in the infrastructure, such as sidings to industrial plants. (He claimed that carrying goods by rail was sound economics since the fuel used by trains was only one-fifth of that needed by trucks.)

Asked about reports that the Defense Ministry was using trucks to transport its imported cargoes from the ports, in defiance of Government regulations requiring cargoes of 10 tons and over to be carried by rail wherever possible Tzafirli said the matter was being investigated.

Ex-T.A. welfare chief reveals 'under-the-counter' payments

TEL AVIV. — Scores of welfare recipients in Tel Aviv received thousands of pounds in "under-the-counter" payments they were not entitled to, according to the former head of the municipal welfare department, Shalom Harari.

Harari was testifying in the trial of Ashdod Mayor Yehuda Barak, a resident who was accused of embezzling the official when his payments were stopped in September 1974.

Harari, who is now head of the city's emergency services, told the court that the mayor had appointed him at the time to "straighten out" the city welfare payments, and that he was one of the scores of recipients found to have been receiving undeserved allowances, Harari said. And that was why he asked him. In another instance, a welfare recipient bashed him in the teeth, he said.

But Harari said the accused later apologized to him and he now regarded the matter as settled. In view of this, Magistrate's Court Judge Hadassah Ahitov imposed only a one-year suspended sentence on Harari, adding that she was taking into account the atmosphere that prevailed in the social welfare department at the time.

In the District Court here yesterday, Daniel Kricheli, 53, was ordered remanded into custody until completion of his trial on charges of trying to assault the director of the Kfar Oron social welfare office three weeks ago with a hammer. Thanks to the speedy intervention of the guard police said, Kricheli was disarmed before he could hurt the official.

Kibbutz rugby team wins Silbowitz cup

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Former British rugby international Glenn Brown led the combined (non-league) kibbutz team Ha'ogim-Nir to a victory in the second annual Dudu Silbowitz Seven-a-Side Tournament, held here on Sunday.

Players-up were Tel Aviv University A, with the first teams of Tel Aviv and the Hebrew University, and the semi-finals of the competition. Kibbutz Mavo A won the plate. The event was arranged by the local Rugby Union in honour of Silbowitz, a member of the host kibbutz, a vice-captain of Israel's rugby team, who fell in the Yom Kippur war.

A mercurial Wilson, 25, who lived at Kibbutz Ha'ogim for past two years, was also skipper of the Holon teams which gained both the Silbowitz trophy last spring, and the championship title in the just-concluded National League competition.

Upwards of 100 players, hailing from 20 kibbutzim (including many Sabras) took part in a 14-team event, and provided plenty of good rugby in spite of the heavy conditions. Charles Ableson headed the team of referees, which included Gedalia Lippo, a recent immigrant from Odessa and former top league referee in the Soviet Union.

The Ha'ogim-Nir team seven were taken all the way by TAU in the final, before winning. With the university side/long-time skipper Dave Kaplan injured, (he filled the role of tournament manager with Audrey Ginsberg) they were well led by Lawrence Wolpert. After Brown he put the kibbutz-niks ahead with try converted by Wilson, and Bard and Shapiro had replied in kind, coach-captain Wilson settled the issue by powering his way through with a typical, breath-taking burst of speed, and then coolly converting his own try.

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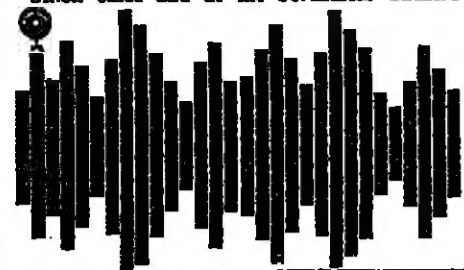
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CLAL INDUSTRIES LTD.

NOTICE OF A GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Company's offices, 5 Rehov Drayonov (20th floor), Tel Aviv, on April 20, 1976 at 8.30 a.m. for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit passing, the following resolution:

To increase the Share Capital of the Company by IL100,000,000 (One Hundred Million Israeli Pounds) thereby raising the Share Capital to the sum total of IL300,000,000 (Three Hundred Million Israeli Pounds) by the creation of an additional 10,000,000 (Ten Million) Ordinary Shares of IL10 each of identical rights with the existing Ordinary Shares of IL10 each.

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Sadat seeks political success in Germany

By BRIAN ARTHUR

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
BONN. — Egypt's President Sadat arrives in West Germany today for a five-day state visit which the Bonn government plans to turn into a major display of sympathy and support for the Egyptian leader.

For days, German officials have sought to explain to the press that Sadat is a moderate leader earnestly seeking a Mideast settlement, but that he is in danger of isolation in the Arab camp and is confronted with enormous economic difficulties. Egypt's situation is critical, said one Bonn Diplomat, referring to "stagnation" in Mideast peace efforts since the second Sinai interim agreement with Israel, and to Sadat's recent action cancelling his 1971 friendship treaty with Moscow. The official made clear that Bonn wants Sadat's visit here to help strengthen his position at home and to this end the two sides will sign

agreements giving Egypt 230m. marks in long-term loans.

However, the agreements themselves are not new and the Germans say they are currently unable to give more economic assistance, despite Egyptian pressure. Thus, indications are that most of Germany's main support will be political, with possibly more pressure on Israel to make concessions towards a Mideast peace.

The government here insists its "balanced policy" towards Israel and the Arabs has not changed, but newspapers here have been full of reports, apparently officially inspired, and preparing the ground not only for closer support of Egypt but for a more flexible attitude towards the PLO.

There will probably be no spectacular changes in Bonn's policy during the Sadat visit. There are reports that the Egyptians will ask the government here to permit an official PLO office in the West German capital, but Bonn diplomats have flatly rejected this possibility for the time being.

Sadat and his aides may also raise requests for German arms deliveries to Egypt, but the Germans say they will refuse such shipments, on grounds that Bonn does not send weapons to "areas of tension."

President Sadat over the weekend said he will ask the U.S. to provide Egypt with jet fighter planes, anti-tank missiles and other weapons because of Egypt's break with the Soviet Union and consequent cutoff of military supplies, the "Washington Post" reports.

"I think I have the right now to ask for defensive weapons. When they asked me in the States, I said I didn't have a shopping list. I can now say that I am in need, at least for defensive weapons," Sadat said in an interview in Cairo.

In Cairo, War Minister General Gamasy yesterday reported to President Sadat on agreements signed during a week's visit to Paris on the supply of French military equipment. A statement on the meeting did not specify what kind of deliveries were planned.

Two critical in IRA bomb attack

LONDON. — Police called on Londoners yesterday to increase their vigilance after the worst Irish guerrilla bomb attack in three years injured 85 people, including several children, at a crowded exhibition centre here.

Four of the injured lost limbs in Saturday night's explosion. Early yesterday, 28 people were still detained in hospitals, two of them in critical condition.

Newspaper offices and the British Broadcasting Corporation received telephone calls from men giving code words and accepting responsibility for the bombing on behalf of the outlawed Irish Republican Army and the Irish Volunteer Force, an IRA splinter group.

One caller said: "This is a warning to the British Government to take their troops out of Northern Ireland. More bombs are on the way if this demand is not met." (Reuters)

RAMMED. — A British frigate rammed an Icelandic gunboat while another frigate manned guns in the latest incident Saturday in the "cold war" between Britain and Iceland, the gunboat captain announced. The gunboat was considerably damaged.

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Argentine muddle

THE ARGENTINE COUP last week came as no surprise, as it must be something of a record as the first non-secret in recent world political history. For months past, as the government of the hapless Isabel Peron stumbled from one mistake to another, news reports spoke unceasingly of an imminent coup — until newspaper editors reached the point of scornfully casting aside such items.

Recently, however, the reports seemed to bear some urgency after months of saying how the Argentine army stood aside, apparently determined to refrain from seizing power for as long as possible, even in the face of anguished appeals to save the country. Privately, senior officers admitted they would move should Argentina appear headed for catastrophe — and it is now obvious that they were persuaded last week that the point of no return was reached.

Mrs. Peron was obviously incapable of providing the country with decisive leadership ever since her husband, Juan Peron, died in office on July 1, 1974 after holding the presidency for nine months on his return from exile abroad. Her overthrow marks the seventh coup in troubled Argentina in the last 21 years — since Juan Peron was overthrown after bloody clashes in September 1955 — and she is the fourth President to be forced out of office in less than a decade.

It is a troubled record, and its denouement at least had the virtue of being bloodless, in contrast to the savage 1973 Chilean coup against Salvador Allende by the standards of Latin American coups it was carried out with finesse and little violence. This was not surprising, for Mrs. Peron had little backing from her citizens, suffering for years from an inflation which has no parallel in the world, and a broken economy.

POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS, economic decline and corruption in high places marked the rule of the world's first female President. In the beginning, the 27 million Argentines generally wished her well but once she was power nothing happened which would have shown she was a leader, or had any ideas of her own. She certainly lacked the ability of her husband to map out a straight course for the country.

She also fell under the influence of the man who was often called her "Svengali." He was Social Welfare Minister Jose Lopez Rega, also her private secretary and senior aide, and she became increasingly divorced from reality, beginning to form a dictatorial government and alienating top Peronists. Facing increasing public wrath, Lopez Rega fled to Spain last July and vanished from public sight in December. He is now wanted by the Argentine police for embezzlement, forgery and administrative fraud.

Above all, Mrs. Peron failed to control the disastrous Argentine economy. Until the beginning of February, her hold was firm because she had the support of the true unions. But she lost much of this by ignoring some of her most important allies, while her inner circle was dominated by Lopez Rega's friends.

Coupled with that, the Peronist guerrillas who were amnestied when Peronism returned to power after seven years of military rule, went underground to fight the government. This group and the leftist People's Revolutionary Army (ERP) together number some 6,000 members. And as the Peron government rule became ever more disorganized, the strength of the guerrillas grew.

For years they had been kidnapping businessmen, killing their enemies and raiding army posts. It was only last Christmas that they achieved a savage mauling from which they are still trying to recover. They lost nearly 100 dead and many captured in

a mass attack on an arsenal. In the operation army showed it is no longer an ineffective force whose garrisons and sentries could be taken surprise.

MATTERS REACHED SUCH a stage that not only did all opposition leaders want Mrs. Peron to but so did many of the dissident Peronists and formerly loyal trade union heads. The opposition wished to get rid of her because, despite her weakness and instability, they thought she was the only one could sustain Peronism. The Peronists, on the other hand, believed she had become a liability claiming to be the head of the movement as widow of the leader whom faithful Peronists believed was one of the great men of history. They argued that Peronism could only survive if it came a modern democratic party, requiring a able leadership and not an autocrat.

In any case, while Mrs. Peron's government engaged in tortuous political dealings to save the country's economy continued to deteriorate, most recent crisis came earlier this month over severe government austerity programme which prices up. News reports last week said people turning from their summer holiday found the power, railway and phone companies doubling the for steadily worsening services. They also to the family food bill doubled since the start of summer.

One report said that according to the domestic wholesale price index, inflation had risen 403 cent in the past year and it is expected to be between 500 and 1,000 per cent this year. Of a comfort to students of Israeli currency devaluation it may be noted that the value of the Argentine peso dropped from 10 per dollar to 140 in a series of devaluations starting in March 1975, causing more inflation.

THROUGHOUT ALL THIS, the armed forces, determined not to repeat past mistakes in ousting elected government, stayed aloof. They even refused to back a minor revolt by right wing nationalist Air Force officers late last year.

Last month, opposition groups tried to impeach the President but failed after some show of support. And on February 18 Mrs. Peron in a concession by announcing that she would not in the next presidential election. Then Emilio Videl, the sixth Economy Minister in Mrs. Peron's 21 months office, announced an emergency economic plan. But workers protested that wage rises limited to 20 per cent while most prices were by 100 per cent. By the beginning of this month with more strikes, more terrorist attacks and shortages of basic foods, it became obvious the military had to act. The only question was soon they would do so.

Gen. Jorge Rafael Videla, the 50-year-old leader of Argentina's new military government, is regarded from all accounts as a tough-minded soldier and an anti-Communist with deep religious values. He is known as a stern instructor in the Argentine military college where he taught and which directed before becoming army commander-in-chief. He made the fight against guerrillas primary mission.

His aides are quoted as saying Videla is an economics expert but believes that he can solve problems by applying his moral principles. He said in speeches that the army did not want to be involved in politics but that its main aim was to protect the nation's institutions against subversion and any outside threat. By any standards, future task is not easy. Like many countries, Argentina has almost no leadership and need to put together a society which has lost cohesiveness is very great and very urgent.

Lebanese Maronites turn to Syria

By JOSEPH MITCHELL

BEIRUT. — The Lebanese civil war is escalating again over a paradoxical power struggle: right-wing Christian Maronites, staunchly nationalist in principle, are seeking stronger Syrian authority here, while Lebanese leftists and Palestinian guerrillas are approaching a confrontation with their mother power, the Syrian Baath regime.

A secret pamphlet circulated by the pro-Syrian E-Saika terrorist faction describes Yasser Arafat as an "adventurer" while his Fatah movement and the Lebanese left are digging in for a possible showdown with the Syrian-commanded expeditionary force, which includes many Syrian elements.

The left recently showed its new strength by assaulting and capturing the Holiday Inn Hotel, for many months a Christian stronghold. The attack was supported by numerous units of the pro-Syrian Lebanese army.

Nominally trying to hold the ring while the Lebanese factions agree on a successor to the repudiated President Suleiman Franjeh, the Syrian-commanded forces are trying to assert their control over the Palestinian terrorists to avoid being dragged into an untimely war with Israel and to strengthen Syria's hand in Arab-Israeli bargaining.

The Palestinians accuse Syria of seeking arrangements authorizing Syrian intervention on "security matters" in Lebanon.

In effect, such a step would extend to Lebanon the growing political and military co-ordination between Syria and Jordan — a source of alarm to the Palestinian leadership which has contributed to the opposition between the mainstream Maronite, the Marxist leftists, the Popular Front, led by George Habash. The Palestinians are well aware of the Jordanian enthusiasm for giving King Hussein an indirect role in Lebanon — the only remaining source of autonomy for the Palestinians.

"Lebanon has become a pawn in a larger game for Syria," says Kemal Jumblatt, the ascetic, waspish aristocrat who has emerged as the country's strongest politician, commanding a left-wing coalition ranging from Communists to the Moslem renegade army. Jumblatt, a feudal leader, has mobilized the

Dru sect to put military pressure on Christian villages in the mountain above the capital, where he is most impregnable.

Heavily casts himself in the role of a Lebanese Druak, defending his national brand of socialism — we the difference from the Czech leader that Jumblatt has an army of a widening political base. Distrusting Jumblatt, Lebanese Christians claim they need Syrian reassurances that Franjeh's fall will not prove a further leftist surge and change the political system in Lebanon.

Jumblatt says he is trying to make Lebanon "Arab" without allowing it to fall into the orbit of the authoritarian Syrian regime, which has curbed radical activity inside its borders.

For Syria is a tricky situation. Palestinian terrorists count for much in President Hafez Assad's new political prestige and Lebanese Moslems could see problems for him. Assad ran Syria despite belonging to the minority Alawi sect and he could face a challenge from the Baath left if he misplays his hand in Lebanon. On the other hand, Syrian pride is at stake in reinforcing a ceasefire.

Jumblatt's void he feared an imposed peace Syria because it might good frustrated Lebanese and Palestinians the wave of political assassinations. (Oms)

Guerrillas defy military junta in Argentina

Buenos Aires. — Left guerrillas have defied Argentine military rulers by attacking security forces in one city after another.

The attacks Saturday came in defiance of a decree issued by the day-old military junta prescribing the death penalty for such attacks. Police said four guerrillas killed in a battle in the industrial city of Cordoba. Rosario, about 300 kms north here, guerrillas attacked three stations but were beaten back. Casualties were reported.

At least 13 guerrillas have been in clashes with security forces since the armed forces seized last Wednesday and placed President Maria Estela Peron in house arrest.

The Government also revealed that Olga Talamante, 27, an Argentine convicted for involvement in leftist guerrilla had been released from prison Saturday and exiled from the country. (Reuters)

MINERS. — Two miners lying on stretchers were brought out last night from a collapsed gold mine in Placer, the Philippines, after a 24-day entombment more than 100 metres underground. The two were buried alive after rains in a ventilation shaft and pushed into the main tunnel. (Oms)

OPEN LETTER

To the Minister of Tourism,
Mr. Moshe K...

We represent a majority of the owners of souvenir shops in Bethlehem, and wish to put before you the following urgent complaint:

For a considerable time there has been an unequitable distribution of the tourist-shopping business in our town. Three main souvenir shops are visited by the passengers from about 80% of the tour buses coming to the town while the remaining 20% of the business is distributed among the other 25 such shops in Bethlehem. Needless to say, the small souvenir shops around Nativity Square receive no tourists at all to attract all these buses, these shops employ unethical, scandalous practices involving the expense, the end result being that the tourist is overcharged. Unfortunately, this state of affairs is encouraged by its tacit acceptance by a large proportion of the drivers and guides, who find present situation satisfactory. A bad image of Bethlehem has thus been created, which applies, by extension, to the whole country and this must tend to discourage tourism to the Holy Land. We have thus been reduced to a very bad economic position, extending to our employees each shop employs, on average, about ten workers. The point has been reached at which livelihood and that of our employees and their families is threatened, unless effective action is taken by the authorities concerned. We ask no more than that the be a reasonable distribution of the business and that, if possible, some control be exercised by officials appointed by the appropriate authorities. We have suggestions we would like to put before you, if you would be kind enough to arrange a meeting.

This matter has already been raised with you in a personal letter signed by all those concerned. We hope that on this occasion, will be given a sympathetic hearing, and that a reasonable, fundamental solution will be found to our urgent problem. We have several times addressed ourselves to officials of the Ministry — unfortunately to no avail. Accordingly we now address this letter to you, and hope that you will make an appointment to meet us, at your convenience.

Souvenir Store Owners of Bethlehem

TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

- ACROSS
- 1 Little chap frequently up in the air (5)
 - 2 Provide extra fluid to a pet (3, 2)
 - 3 Jumped out of a pet (5)
 - 4 A punishing knock (3)
 - 5 He's a villain enough to give a boy short message (5)
 - 6 Nice art form, for sure (7)
 - 7 Moral letter and chit, maybe (5)
 - 8 That hot and tired feeling (3)
 - 9 Jeans' (6)
 - 10 Emotional parts for insects (7)
 - 11 In which to paint Lot's (4)
 - 12 Copied from a cheap edition (4)
 - 13 Ways of the moods (7)
 - 14 Cattleman the doctors done with (6)
 - 15 Name of an upright DA (3)
 - 16 I read how to get vests vestigated (5)
 - 17 One name for a flower (7)
 - 18 Jockey's QC's (5)
 - 19 Painting in partnership (3)
 - 20 African people who don't allow any trade union (5)
 - 21 How I bend when curled up asleep (10, 3)
 - 22 Correct at noon (5)
- DOWN
- 1 Wary of drill (5)
 - 2 They're played to finally (3, 2)
 - 3 Be inclined to need propelling up (4)
 - 4 More than ten shillings (5)
 - 5 Fail to improve too much (4)
 - 6 One for all (5)
 - 7 Standard parachute component (3)
 - 8 He may be silly to get very close (7)
 - 9 Stout as a soldier (3)

EASY PUZZLE

- ACROSS
- 1 Lighter part (5)
 - 2 Smash (3)
 - 3 Lost a hand (5)
 - 4 Dwell (3)
 - 5 Platform (5)
 - 6 Sporting official (5)
 - 7 Horse attendant (5)
 - 8 Sister (3)
 - 9 Start again (8)
 - 10 Ship (7)
 - 11 Sour (4)
 - 12 Knock (4)
 - 13 Sour (4)
 - 14 Wickerwork boat (5)
 - 15 Ringo-bell camp (5)
 - 16 Child (3)
 - 17 Teacher (3)
 - 18 Old soldier (7)
 - 19 Very bright (5)
 - 20 Male animal (5)
 - 21 Penalties (5)
 - 22 Less (5)
 - 23 Insurgent (5)
- DOWN
- 1 Short (3)
 - 2 Cliffs (5)
 - 3 Stringed instrument (5)
 - 4 Persistent complaint (5)
 - 5 Rows (5)
 - 6 Twig broom (5)
 - 7 Sprites (3)
 - 8 U.S. politician (7)
 - 9 Regret (3)
 - 10 Light weight (5)
 - 11 Repairs (5)
 - 12 Of the same family (5)
 - 13 Short pamphlet (5)
 - 14 Clipped (3)
 - 15 Cheery (5)
 - 16 Small bed (3)
 - 17 Accounts examination (5)
 - 18 Sweetheart (5)
 - 19 Carved gem (5)
 - 20 Depravity (5)
 - 21 Uncooked (3)

Friday's Easy solution

- ACROSS
- 1. Dapper 7. Toilet 9. Frugal 10. Crops 11. Less 12. Kite 13. Dope 14. Dwell 15. Dope 16. Dope 17. Dope 18. Dope 19. Dope 20. Dope 21. Dope 22. Dope 23. Dope 24. Dope 25. Dope 26. Dope 27. Dope 28. Dope 29. Dope 30. Dope 31. Dope 32. Dope 33. Dope 34. Dope 35. Dope 36. Dope 37. Dope 38. Dope 39. Dope 40. Dope 41. Dope 42. Dope 43. Dope 44. Dope 45. Dope 46. Dope 47. Dope 48. Dope 49. Dope 50. Dope 51. Dope 52. Dope 53. Dope 54. Dope 55. Dope 56. Dope 57. Dope 58. Dope 59. Dope 60. Dope 61. Dope 62. Dope 63. Dope 64. Dope 65. Dope 66. Dope 67. Dope 68. Dope 69. Dope 70. Dope 71. Dope 72. Dope 73. Dope 74. Dope 75. Dope 76. Dope 77. Dope 78. Dope 79. Dope 80. Dope 81. Dope 82. Dope 83. Dope 84. Dope 85. Dope 86. Dope 87. Dope 88. Dope 89. Dope 90. Dope 91. Dope 92. Dope 93. Dope 94. Dope 95. Dope 96. Dope 97. Dope 98. Dope 99. Dope 100. Dope 101. Dope 102. Dope 103. Dope 104. Dope 105. Dope 106. Dope 107. Dope 108. Dope 109. Dope 110. Dope 111. Dope 112. Dope 113. Dope 114. Dope 115. 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Plan to streamline government offices 'won't improve service'

by DAVID KRIVINE / POST Economic Correspondent

The Hauser Committee's recommendations on streamlining government departments are riddled with misconceptions and, if adopted, would make no significant contribution to improving public service, according to Dr. Moshe Shani of the Hebrew University.

His article on the subject appears in the latest issue of "Organization and Administration," a quarterly published in cooperation with the Civil Service Commission and the Management Centre.

The Hauser Committee proposes reorganizing ministries to eliminate overlap. Its main suggestion is to merge the Social Services Ministry, the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, the Ministry of Health and the National Insurance Institute.

Several departments would be moved from the Labour Ministry, such as Public Works and Survey, to a new Building Ministry. The Vocational Training Division would go to the Education Ministry.

Shani, himself a member of the committee, resigned his membership of the committee last year, in protest at the Government's failure to apply its recommendations.

In a recent interview, Hauser said he still considers it appropriate for his party, the Independent Liberals, to consider leaving the coalition if the committee's proposal for reorganizing the Government structure is definitely shelved by Prime Minister Rabin. He made the statement to "Haaretz," a new monthly publication by the "Meirav" Movement for Citizen Rights.

According to Shani, the Hauser Committee made three cardinal errors. It assumed that a formal reorganization — two or three departments into one — increases efficiency. But overlap can occur equally well inside a single ministry.

Second, according to Shani, it is not true that the public service is a purely administrative activity which can be severed from politics. A division of tasks which seems logical in terms of administrative charts may be perfectly functional because it reflects political realities.

Third, efficiency is not measured solely by the budgetary economies that can be achieved. An allegedly cheap activity can be costly, because it does not fulfill its purpose. A better method would be to give full and proper budgeting for every service, and to achieve economies by simply abolishing the least important services outright, Shani suggests.

Hauser's claim that his reform "would save hundreds of millions of pounds" does not stand up, in Shani's view. Studies of similar reorganizations made abroad do not reveal any clear-cut economies.

Shani points out that administrative efficiency is achieved not by dramatic short cut, but by the hard work of detailed study and continuous improvements. The need is for more sophisticated techniques of decision-making, more extensive training, the use of modern planning methods, the introduction of systematic follow-up procedures, a more comprehensive supply of information, and the use of the budget as an instrument of control. These topics are ignored by the Hauser Committee, he points out.

Comecon, the Mart's unwanted suitor

by J. VOET / Special to The POST

The European Common Market often compared with Comecon, the economic organization of the Soviet-bloc countries.

But these organizations are not similar. The West-European EEC is a more or less democratic organization of four important countries: Germany, France, England and Italy, and five less prominent ones: Belgium, Denmark, Ireland, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

They have a long customs union dominating a European sea and have made a successful attempt at financial and economic integration. The Comecon has even tried its hand at joint political action.

It is hardly the same as the EEC, which is dominated by eight member states. Besides all powerful Russia, the Comecon counts as member states Rumania, Poland, East-Germany, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Cuba.

There is no customs union behind the Iron Curtain. The Russian are, who have always the last word, use it as an instrument to the Soviet economic and political interests. They use it to try to stimulate closer economic cooperation between the countries of the bloc. This is not always to the benefit of countries like Rumania, which prefer to steer an independent course.

The EEC, as a body, has hardly direct contacts with Comecon. All the nine countries try to build relations with Eastern-European customers. They are jealous competitors for fat Russian dollars.

About a year ago, however, the Comecon Market banned separate trade agreements. EEC members are supposed to schedule

trade negotiations with countries outside the EEC through the Brussels-based executive of the Common Market organization.

This has so far remained a dead letter. Important private firms in the Common Market countries have transacted direct deals with Russian and other Eastern-European state enterprises, sometimes with government assistance. No overall trade agreement has been concluded.

Nevertheless, the Kremlin is apparently convinced that in the not too distant future the EEC might become a negotiating partner with the Comecon. Through East-German Deputy-Chairman Gerhard Weiss they some weeks ago without publicity and rather unexpectedly proposed the basis of a trade agreement between Comecon and Common Market. This is an important change of policy as up till now Comecon shunned contacts with the Common Market.

The technocrats of Brussels seem to be not very happy with their new admirer. Comecon has received polite acknowledgement of the proposal, with a promise to study it seriously.

Meanwhile people in the know are asking themselves whether the move might be only a political manoeuvre, perhaps to strengthen the French and Italian communist parties by making the Eastern-European look more respectable to voters in the West. Others think it is meant to expose the lack of unity in the Common Market by sending it a proposal which might lead to bickering.

Nevertheless the surprise step of the Comecon could lead to the entirely new development of economic relations between Eastern and Western Europe.

Hotels happy about Pessah bookings

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Israel Hotel Association yesterday said bookings for Pessah have been excellent, with rooms at a premium throughout the country already for the last two weeks of April.

"From then on, there is a sharp drop," the president of the Association, Shmuel Federman, said last week. He conceded that bookings for the summer months were running ahead of those last summer, "but the hotels are still wide open for bookings."

As an example of Israel's accommodation capacity, Mr. Federman pointed to the current month's situation, in which hotel occupancy is roughly 50 per cent above that for the same month last year. "Nevertheless, average occupancy is still less than 50 per cent of capacity," he said.

"This is still short of the hotel trade's break-even point," he emphasized, "in view of the fact that our rates in dollars remain at the old level despite the steep increase on the expenditure side of the balance." The "creeping" devaluation of the lira does not come close to compensating for the soaring prices.

The anticipated further price increases will be a drastic blow to the hotels, who have already signed contracts up to October 31 at current rates. "Unless the government comes up with a solution, the hotels will have no alternative but to take such admittedly counter-productive measures as increasing rates or reducing services."

He said the Association is looking to the Tourism Minister, Moshe Kol, to convince the Government of his own view that some form of compensation must be given the hotels.



Steel beams weighing 55 tons apiece, and 60 metres in length are raised into place during a special night-time operation in Tel Aviv recently. The beams are to be part of an overpass at Rehov Carlebach. (SBS)

U.K. finds Arab market hard going

By MARK SEGAL

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. — British hopes for a sizeable chunk of Saudi Arabia's multi-billion dollar development plan are apparently not materialising as speedily as expected following last year's visit of Saudi crown prince Fahd.

British businessmen seeking fat contracts are finding stiff competition from others, especially Americans, Japanese and West Germans.

David Crutch MF (Conservative) for Canterbury recently came back from Jeddah where he headed a British delegation seeking such

business opportunities. He mentioned that British firms could find openings in construction of factories.

But businessmen will not only have to cough up the 2500 air fare to get there, but "rough it" once they arrive. He said the visitor will not find the kind of comfortable hotels he is used to, and if he finds a room, he may have to share it with other visitors.

However, the main difficulty facing British businessmen, he warns, is that the Saudi Arabians expect a deposit of 10 per cent of the value of any contract, even before they consider signing. This the cash-strapped British find hard.

Small is a little more beautiful

PRINCETON, New Jersey. — Young U.S. Jews with training and credentials — including post-graduate degrees — but no employment opportunities in an overcrowded American job market are opting for a familiar outlet: a "Mama and Papa" small business.

This development was reported by Prof. Seymour Lipset during a recent B'nai B'rith conference here.

"One finds increasingly in university communities various forms of small business — restaurants, artisan shops and the like — often set up by young people who had taken part in the anti-competitive

movements of the 1960s," Lipset noted. The enterprises are seen by the recent graduates as an alternative to the "exploiting" ways of big business that many of them had rebelled against during their campus days, the educator said.

He said that Jews, proportionately more highly educated than any other group, are being hit by the decline in demand for persons with higher degrees. The U.S. may have over-extended itself in the number of persons with post-graduate degrees, a group that is growing larger than available jobs for their talents, he warned. (JTA)

Hard times for ballpoint makers

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Israeli ballpoint pen manufacturers are finding it hard to compete with imported brands, a director of a Jerusalem pen company said recently.

He was a participant in last week's exhibition of office equipment at the Paf Hotel here.

But a leading importer of popular priced pens, Shlomo Ben Ezra of the FB agency, said the reason he imports pens is that they are cheaper than the local brands and better

looking. "The local manufacturers are not willing to invest in new models, and they are using the same ones they used years ago."

One of the larger exhibitors was Kravitz, the chain of stores specializing in drawing, writing, engineering and office equipment. Its manager, Israel Oren, said officials have to stop thinking that office equipment is only for stores. It is an important branch of the economy and Israel has great possibilities of producing for exports in this field.

Hot tempers and rude names as California nuclear poll nears

by BRUCE RUSSELL / Reuter Correspondent

LOS ANGELES. — Vote "no," says one side, and you may one day have a doomsday cloud of radiation hanging in the sky disseminating death, genetic destruction and cancer.

Vote "yes," says the other, and household power bills could soar, blackouts would become commonplace, and factories would close, throwing thousands out of work.

Amid these emotional arguments Californian voters, who have to vote regularly on referendum issues like electoral corruption, capital punishment and pornography, will next June be asked to decide on another key issue worrying the world. Along with their ballot in the presidential primary election on June 8, they will be asked to vote on "Proposition 13" — a referendum on whether new safeguards should be imposed on the nuclear power industry.

Californians will be the first to vote on the issue in the U.S. but similar measures are being prepared for voters in 12 other states.

Power utilities which are looking to nuclear power to fill the gap caused by the country's falling petroleum production say the type of safeguards sought are not economic and could cripple the infant nuclear power industry.

They fear that if Californians vote "yes" the restrictions could spread to other states in a sort of electoral nuclear reaction. As is usual in Californian referendums, the issue is provoking a lot of partisan heat and name-calling and few considered facts so far on technical questions of nuclear safety.

If "Proposition 13" is approved, the California legislature will be asked to decide whether nuclear power plants in this earthquake-prone state are safe. If it finds they are not, power production at the plants will be severely cut until adequate safeguards are introduced.

The measure will also allow full compensation for a town hit by a nuclear disaster. At present the liability for the federal government and power utilities is limited to \$500m. under an act of Congress.

Richard Spohn, former California coordinator of the Ralph Nader Consumer Protection Organization and one of the authors of the proposition, says:

"These are fundamental baseline policy questions which the public is perfectly capable of deciding."

Dr. Edward Teller, the noted scientist whose advocacy of nuclear power in the past led to the development of the hydrogen bomb, is campaigning against the measure. He calls it "anti-nuclear." He says that nuclear power which now accounts for about two per cent of the nation's energy capacity could grow to 10 per cent in the next 10 years.

"What's a reasonable expectation if the present scare propaganda against nuclear reactors can be stopped," he says. Dr. Teller says the provision in the referendum to cut existing nuclear plants to 60 per cent of their production and then cut them a further 10 per cent a year until they are certified completely safe is "particularly nonsensical."

"This would drive nuclear reactors out of business and make very little difference to the safety of the reactors," he says.

Despite the fact that arguments on both sides have been raging for



Decontaminating a motor after exposure to radioactivity.

some months, opinion polls show few Californians have as yet made up their minds on the issue and those who have are equally divided for and against.

The debate drew public attention in February when three nuclear engineers with General Electric Co., a major manufacturer of nuclear power plants, abandoned their high-paying careers to fight for "Proposition 13."

Such unanimity of opinion and self-sacrifice drew public sympathy for the issue. But this sympathy cooled somewhat when it was discovered that all three belonged to an upper class religious organization centred in the San Francisco Bay area called the "Creative Initiative Foundation."

From the technical standpoint, both sides appear to agree that there is no danger of nuclear plants exploding like a bomb and sending up a mushroom cloud into the sky. What is feared is that the cooling systems in the nuclear plant may fail despite all the safeguards at present provided. In the intense heat the cores of the reactors would then melt, their steel-reinforced concrete containers rupture, and a cloud of radiation would spray out into the atmosphere.

Dr. Teller says the nuclear power industry has had a good record of avoiding all major accidents in the postwar years. But critics of the industry point to a near disaster at Browns Ferry, Alabama, on March 22 last year which, they say, went within an inch of decimating the nearby town of Decatur.

Richard Roberts, assistant administrator of the U.S. Energy Research and Development Administration, in a recent press conference in Los Angeles, called nuclear power a safe and well-proven technology. He said passage of the California referendum would cost the state \$40,000m. over the next 20 years through loss of energy resources.

AVIV STOCK MARKET:

Stocks still falling, Paper Mills closed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV. — The downward trend of stocks continued yesterday. The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange closed at a 5 per cent allowable under the maximum 5 per cent by the opening round and by an additional 4 points in the variable index. The fall was occasioned by news release from the company which it was stated that the stock would be shut for a period of three weeks due to accumulation of excessive stock. The stock closed at 304 on a volume of 30,000.

Telek (n.v.), Wolfson, Assis, and others were other stocks that dropped in the fall. The volume

for the day's activities was IL2.5m. of which IL19,000 was in the variables.

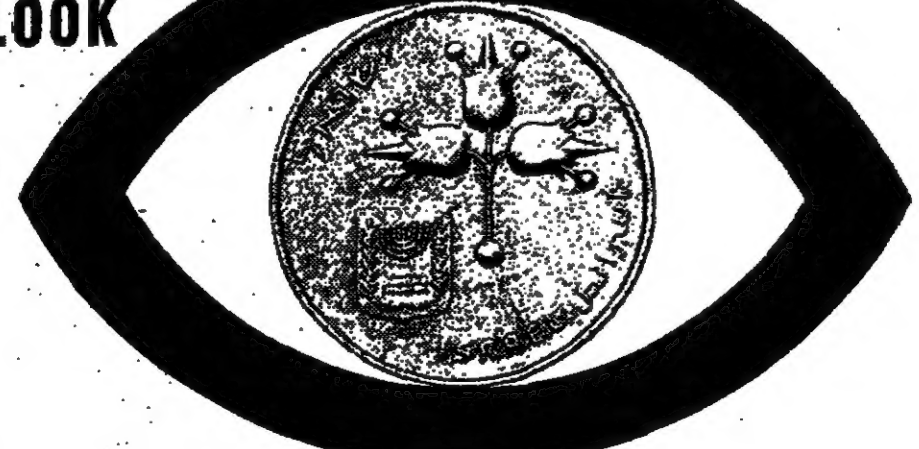
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Sadat's race for arms

THE U.S. is not planning to become Egypt's chief weapons supplier, Dr. Kissinger has assured a Senate sub-committee. But he thinks it is in the interest of Middle East peace, and of Israel itself, to have a "moderate" Egypt, which has broken with the Soviet Union, fitted with American arms.

Egypt, President Sadat has told the "Washington Post," is not asking the U.S. for arms at nearly the same volume and sophistication as those granted to Israel, but he believes that, "as a friend," he is entitled to obtain what he terms defensive weapons — including F-5E fighter aircraft and TOW anti-tank missiles — from the U.S., and to obtain them this year.

Thus a seemingly modest request for six "non-lethal" Hercules transport planes is already beginning to mushroom into a massive military aid programme for Egypt. Such a programme need not, of course, make the U.S. into Egypt's principal munitions maker. Sadat has many more options than the U.S., and he is actively working on most of them. Therefore, even without the Soviets as a provider, the Egyptian arsenal does not run any serious risk of turning, in Sadat's colourful phrase, into a heap of scrap iron.

Sadat himself only recently concluded a vast arms deal with Britain, and another deal has apparently just been made with France. French support in setting up an Egyptian war industry is to be taken up this coming weekend at a meeting between Sadat and President Giscard.

Next, Sadat is to discuss the prospects of West German arms supplies during a scheduled visit to Bonn, and despite some difficulties there is reason to believe that he will not come away empty handed. In the meantime, Sadat has been throwing public hints to the Italians that their weapons factories too have much to offer Egypt. All this, on top of the assistance that Egypt has been receiving from Yugoslavia on the one hand and China on the other.

Yet Sadat remains unsatisfied. He has set his mind on establishing an arms supply relationship with the U.S.

Both Cairo and Washington argue that U.S. weapons aid would be a proper reward — and a boost — for Egypt's moderation and its turn towards peaceful settlement. The guarantee that the weapons he might acquire from the U.S. would be used for defence alone, Sadat has said, lies in "my attitude towards peace, the steps I have already taken, and the validity of my word."

On all these counts, there is in fact cause for apprehension. For Sadat's attitude towards peace is that it must be left for another generation; the steps he has taken in the interim agreement are portrayed to the Egyptian people as involving no concession to peace at all; and the validity of his word has been impugned by Sadat's own repeated warnings that the deception he has practised on Israel before could serve as a model for the future.

The real reason for Sadat's great interest in an arms link with the U.S. is that it might, so he hopes, reduce the American nexus with Israel. And the only sensible argument for selling Sadat American arms is that, by keeping his army happy, it might help build some leverage for true moderation on Egypt's militarized government.

In that case, however, it behooves the U.S. Congress to make certain that any Egyptian arms deal it approves must be explicitly conditional on Egypt's commitment to a peace agreement.

The deportations

THE DEPORTATION of two West Bank figures, Dr. Ahmed Hamzi Natshi of Hebron and Dr. Abdul-Azis Haj Ahmed of el-Bireh, has raised serious questions of policy and of the rule of law.

Presumably the Military Government had good reason to seek their banishment, for they apparently helped instigate the unrest in Judea and Samaria during the past two months. But it is hard to believe that the incriminating evidence about them became available only the day before yesterday, or three days before the nomination of candidates in the West Bank municipal elections. Dr. Natshi was known to be planning to put forward his candidacy for the municipal council of Hebron.

In deciding to hold the elections, scheduled for April 12, the Minister of Defence must have realized that he was inviting local extremists to openly compete for public office. The deportation may have seriously compromised the position of the traditional and more moderate West Bank leadership, which now has to prove itself at least as nationalist as the opposition. And the likelihood that FLO favoured candidates will win the elections has only become greater.

Moreover, by rushing the two doctors out of the country at a time when the Supreme Court was set to hold a stay of execution hearing, the authorities flouted the principle of due process of law.

The responsible authorities cannot have it both ways — arguing that the rule of law is observed even given the difficulties that sometimes arise on the West Bank — and then denying it when convenient.

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Behind the U.S. veto

HA'ARETZ (Independent) maintains the Security Council debate was intended "to sow discord between Israel and the U.S." in this sense it did not fulfil its purpose.

"However, the veto neither obliterates nor cancels the speech of William Scranton at the Security Council. There is no point now in protesting either the timing or the setting of the speech, and as to its style — it suited the contents. Whether it marked a new departure in U.S. policy (condemnation of settlement across the Green Line as an illegal act would appear to be such, but the reiteration of U.S. opposition to the annexation of East Jerusalem came as no surprise) or was entirely to be expected, as Mr. Rabin has maintained, Israel would be wrong to underestimate the gravity of this address."

In conclusion the paper hopes that West Bank leaders not carried away by nationalist sentiments "will realize, following the

U.S. veto, that the Israeli position cannot be undermined through demonstrations and strikes and that the problem of the national identity of the Palestinians will not be solved through violence."

DAVAH (Histadrut) says the veto was "far from convenient for the U.S. in view of the support of all the other Security Council members for the resolution condemning Israel. But Washington, in ignoring Arab protests, acted out of a feeling of responsibility, as the superpower most involved in the region, and was also motivated by the insistent demand of the Israeli Government."

"However, the veto does not cancel the effects of Scranton's address and the motives behind it. The Arabs may well feel compensated, by this reminder of U.S. policy concerning the status of Jerusalem and against annexation of territories and the establishment of settlements in them, for the rejection of their resolution through the U.S. veto."

French leaders resent Kissinger's 'meddling'

FRENCH political leaders from both right and left are bristling indignantly at efforts by U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to undermine cooperation by Europe's Socialist and Communist parties.

French Socialists, although uneasy about their partnership with the Communists, regard it as indispensable for the development of a left-wing majority capable of winning power from President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing's coalition of Gaullists and other right-wingers who have ruled the country since General de Gaulle took office in 1958.

They fear that if American diplomats in France and elsewhere pursue Kissinger's instructions the U.S. will nip in the bud the growing tendency in the international Communist movement to break away from Moscow's control.

The French Socialists were stung to the quick in February when NATO Commander-in-Chief General Alexander Haig publicly opposed inclusion of the Communists in the Italian Government and described the sharing of power with the Communists as "danger of death" for the Western democracies. They waxed even more furious when a U.S. diplomat from the Paris Embassy, Herman J. Cohen, called on Marseilles' socialist mayor, Gaston Defferre, at City Hall to deliver a message in the same strain.

M. Defferre, a deputy leader of the Socialist Party and former candidate for the French presidency, went on the radio to say: "Whether these new displays of a certain brand of American imperialism do not reflect the Americans' weakness and a concern for themselves rather than for France."

Cohen relayed to Defferre Kissinger's advice to "be very prudent with the Communists." The Socialist leader reported: "I told him this was absolutely intolerable interference in another country's affairs and that I would not accept any of his advice."

COMMENTING on General Haig's intervention, Georges Sarre, a member of the Socialist Executive, said: "This was not a piece of clumsiness. It echoes the words of President Ford himself, who reaffirmed the categorical opposition of the U.S. to the entry of Communists into the governments of NATO member countries, particularly in Italy." Sarre asked whether membership in the Atlantic Alliance, "which is not challenged by the joint programme of the French left," ought to

American expressions of "concern" about the Socialist and Communist hand-holding in Western Europe are being denounced by French politicians of all shades as "intolerable interference" in their internal affairs. JACK MAURICE reports from Paris.

preclude member countries from embarking on paths other than capitalism.

Socialist Deputy Jean-Pierre Cot addressed a parliamentary question to Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues. He asked: "Does the French Government intend to respond to the scandalous words of the Supreme Commander?" Cot added with bitter irony that he was sure Haig's remarks must have escaped the Government's notice. Otherwise it would never have tolerated such an intrusion into France's domestic affairs.

Although the Gaullist parliamentary spokesman, Lucien Neuwirth, publicly denied the Americans any right to preach to the French Government at a time when the U.S. is practising a policy of disengagement, the Government has been in no hurry to take up the challenge. With his state visit to the U.S. only a few months away, President Giscard is reluctant to annoy his American hosts. Giscard, and Premier Jacques Chirac, who is campaigning hard to save his Communist seat in the forthcoming local elections, are probably not sorry to see their Communist opponents under fire from Washington's big gun.

The French Communists are exploiting this U.S. offensive for all it is worth. Their newspaper, "L'Humanité," has been giving the story banner headlines. The Socialists were almost as embarrassed as the Gaullists in venting their anger. Only when the Communists ran reports on General Haig's interference four days running did Defferre reveal the visit from the U.S. diplomat, Herman Cohen, which took place several

weeks ago. Defferre's protests were followed by the cancellation of a visit to Marseilles that the U.S. Ambassador to Paris, Kenneth Rush, had scheduled. The envoy attributed the change of plans to a cold.

The American Embassy here has put out a lame statement, which attempts to justify one of the most brazen examples of American Big Brother diplomacy since the Dulles era. Dulles, in the 1950s, was noted for his cavalier treatment of France's allies.

The Embassy statement said that "courtesy calls on political leaders were being made" to express the concern of the U.S. "over the effect that communist participation in the government could have on NATO and Franco-American relations."

MOREOVER, the U.S. was "concerned about the reaction of its own public opinion, which would not understand how the U.S., which is combating Communism, could defend nations run by governments of which the Communists are members."

It is hard for Frenchmen to accept, as the Americans would have them believe, that Communism still has the same hard old face as it did two decades ago when Dulles and Krushchey battled across at each other. French Communist Secretary General Georges Marchais has publicly discarded "the dictatorship of the proletariat" as a goal, to the undisguised annoyance of the Soviet leadership at their recent party congress.

Marchais snubbed the Russians by staying away from the 26th Moscow Congress and sending Gaston Flament, who ranks third in the hierarchy, to announce that his comrades would pursue "a socialism in the colours of France."

So the moment was particularly ill-chosen for the Americans to mount an offensive against Communism in France, where the opinion polls show that it is now acceptable to a growing number of citizens, who no longer regard it as a Soviet export.

Frenchmen look at what has happened in Angola, South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, and wonder what sort of help they could expect from the U.S. in a crunch. They find it hard to reconcile Washington's indignation over electoral alliances between Communists and Socialists, when the Americans order their own troops home and leave the battlefields to be taken over by the Communists.

READERS' LETTERS

CHOOSING A PREMIER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — The Basic Law on Government, Art. 6-21, provides that only a Knesset member may serve as Prime Minister. This limitation made sense in former years, when practically all outstanding public figures in Israel were Knesset members. There are still many such personalities in the Knesset, in and out of the present Cabinet, on coalition and opposition benches, who fully deserve consideration should the need arise to form a new government.

But many talents are found now outside of the Knesset, and at this time, when both objective conditions and public clamour cry out for the best leadership available, there is no justification for an outdated restriction which prevents them from being considered. I therefore respectfully suggest that the Knesset amend the relevant provisions to this end.

To name but a few examples, there are outside the Knesset seasoned party leaders such as Golda Meir, Arie Duldin, Ya'acov Hazan, and Meir Ya'ari; men with solid achievements in our economy like Meir Amit, Ya'acov Levinson, and Abraham Shavit; renowned military leaders deeply committed to public affairs like Haim Laskov, Ark Sharon, and Ezer Weizman; efficient heads of municipalities like Teddy Kollek and Eliahu Nawi; respected academic authorities with a public record like Haim Ben-Shahar, Yuval Ne'eman, Nathan Rotenreich, Efraim Urbach, and Yigael Yadin; experienced diplomats like Haim Herzog and Yosef Tekoa.

Since the President, before inviting anyone to form a government, must consult with factions in the Knesset, and since no cabinet may function in Israel unless supported by a Knesset majority, the suggested reform would in no way endanger the principles of our parliamentary regime. It would merely eliminate what has become a questionable privilege in favour of 120 individuals, while at the same time ensuring that the country's future leaders will be selected on the broadest possible basis among all those fit for the job.

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IN DEFENCE OF WOLFGANG WICK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I have a personal obligation to second Mr. Hermann Meyer in his support for Dr. Wolfgang Wick, as I was one of the Jews helped by Dr. Wick during the war in Rumania.

Between 1931 and 1940, I was the sole agent of the Austro-American Magnesite Co. in Bucharest and Dr. Wick was their travelling inspector. In 1940, when the Rumanian government fell to the local Nazis, he helped me to retain my position and arranged on my behalf the formal transfer of my agency to a Rumanian firm which belonged to a good man, whose staff was mainly Jewish.

Even in the war years, he helped me to continue my activities and visited me often though he was followed by the Gestapo or Rumanian agents.

After the war, he returned the agency of the firm to me and when I immigrated to Israel, he helped me again to work here for them. Dr. Wick was and still is one of the firm's directors and all the suggestions I submitted to him for enterprises in Israel, were immediately accepted by him with utmost goodwill. Moreover, I know that he helped many other Jews and is a real friend of Israel.

JOHANAN LAVIAN
Haifa.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — On March 16, you published a report by Ezer Weizman on a statement by Minister of Health Shimon Peres in the Knesset Services Committee which is liable to be detrimental to the sufferers of that horrible disease which is alcoholism.

The Minister stated that Israel lacked "an active organization for the rehabilitation of alcoholics comparable to Alcoholics Anonymous." Yet you yourself published on January 23 a lengthy article by Ezer Weizman on the activities of A.A. in Israel.

A.A. groups have saved many people, myself included, from a certain, lingering and miserable death. This is the only way to cure alcoholism. Neither hospitalization nor treatment by psychiatrists can be of any use in the long run.

Moreover, Mr. Shemtov stated that there were only 144 cases of chronic alcoholics last year, but this number represents only the few patients admitted to hospitals. There are in fact many thousands of alcoholics in Israel, many of whom could be saved by A.A. if they knew of its activities.

(Name and address supplied.)
Tel Aviv.

Anyone who needs information or help can contact Alcoholics Anonymous by phoning Jerusalem 38617 and 5154, or Tel Aviv 32235.

Ed. J.P.



The new caravan homes at Camp Kadum. The settlers moved into their new quarters last week. (Uzi Keren)

VIEWPOINT/DAVID KRIVINE

WHO'S AFRAID OF CAMP KADUM?

The fuss being made about "illegal settlement" in Camp Kadum is a storm in a teacup.

If anything, it achieves the opposite of its stated intention. The big declaratory ads calling for the settlers' eviction give the impression that the religious hawks have accomplished something sensational, that they have colonized the whole of the West Bank.

The humble truth is that Camp Kadum consists of a few dozen families huddled together within the confines of military barracks. That is all Gush Eilat has managed to do in Judea and Samaria since its foundation.

The creation of Kadum was an undistinguished event for other reasons. Its authorization by the Government indicates the trend to vacuous compromise made necessary by Coalition politics. Its existence gives Arab agitators an excuse for throwing stones.

However, what critics of Kadum fear is something more serious than that. They believe, with heart-warming simplicity, that the handful of Jews who fail to make their habitation in Samaria are preventing an Israeli withdrawal from the administered areas. If that were true, the men of Kadum would be heroes indeed, and all the nation would rally behind their leadership.

The fact of the matter is that 300 governments — every one in the world, without a single exception — are pressing Israel to surrender occupied territories. Israel itself has ratified UN Resolution 242, which expressly states that it will hand over territories to Arab Governments, provided only that they agree to negotiate a treaty. In principle the issue is settled. Only its application remains.

The Government is not pumping any new population into Judea or Samaria. It opposed the Sabastia coup. At the time it stand satisfied the Arabs, who enjoyed seeing soldiers tussle with fellow-Jews to keep them from building a house in

the wrong part of Palestine. The compromise decision, allowing groups of families to stay in an arm camp after all, was a face-saving device for the National Religious Party — which has demanded nothing since, being (apparently) content with that.

The Arabs did not demonstrate when the settlers were allowed to stay at Camp Kadum. They saw the development as a victory for their own side. Their decision to risk was taken independently. When people want a showdown, excuses are never lacking. The pronouncement of a District Court judge that the law does not disallow Jews' prayer on the Temple Mount provides such an excuse — although the police immediately made it clear that anybody trying to apply it right to pray would be bundled away unceremoniously. And Arabs only witnessing that type of small counter from time to time to Kadum is another such pretext.

Jews will not settle in Judea Samaria, never mind about Kadum. The sad reason for the crashy failure of Gush Eilat is simple: there are no Jews available.

Immigration from the West did come. Had there been hundreds of thousands of new arrivals each year as in the early 1960's, overflow into the empty areas and occupy every conceivable corner, it would have been another matter.

The Jews would have acquired the right to make the West Bank their (as they have made Jerusalem theirs) by the decline, incontrovertible demographic fact of on numbering the Arabs. That did happen. Israel will be squeezed out of the zone by its own failure, failure of historic dimensions. The verdict of the world is no more than recognition of this hard reality.

The pitiful collection of huts Kadum is just not a factor in a strategic play of forces. If they had a role, it is to underline the aching gap between the Jewish presence in the disputed area.



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